

Amendments to the Specification

Please substitute the following replacement paragraphs for paragraphs 40-43 in the application:

[40] Referring to FIG. 5A, in the logistics mode, the ship 100 rides higher in the water than it does in any other of the modes. A typical draft ~~551~~ for the hull 510 of a multi-mode hull ship 100 in the logistics mode is 9 feet. Therefore, in the logistics mode, the ship 100 is better suited to shallow water tasks such as delivering a payload, such as module 500, close to shore. Examples of other such tasks include close shore logistics support missions and ship to objective maneuvers (STOM). If adjusting the ballast of the ship 100 does not decrease the draft ~~551~~ sufficiently to put the hull in the logistics mode, the crew can secure to the ship 100 a buoyant module 500 that provides additional buoyancy sufficient to reduce the draft as needed.

[41] Referring to FIG. 5B, in catamaran mode, the ship 100 rides relatively high in the water such that the hull 510 acts as a catamaran hull. A typical draft ~~552~~ in catamaran mode is 12 feet. Therefore, in the catamaran mode, the hull 510 allows the ship 100 to travel at relatively high speeds in a relatively energy efficient manner and in relatively shallow water, and to undertake tasks that require these abilities. Examples of such a task include search and rescue, surface craft interdiction, high speed pursuit of surface craft and submarines, and other missions requiring high speed.

[42] Referring to FIG. 5C, in SWATH mode, the ship 100 rides lower in the water than in the catamaran mode such that the hull 510 acts as a SWATH hull. In the SWATH mode, the ship 100 is slower and less energy efficient than in the catamaran mode, but it has better sea keeping and is better for transporting payloads or personnel long distances, and thus, is better for undertaking tasks that require these abilities. A typical draft ~~553~~ in SWATH mode is 20 feet.

[43] Referring to FIG. 5D, in low freeboard mode, the ship 100 rides lower in the water than in the SWATH mode such that the ship 100 has a low profile for stealth missions. That is, the portion of the ship 100 that rides above the waterline in the low freeboard mode is minimized to make the ship 100 less detectable than it is in the other three modes. Therefore, in the low freeboard mode, the ship 100 is suited for

undertaking tasks that require secrecy or that otherwise require the ship 100 to ride low in the water. Furthermore, any additional stealth features, such as the shapes of the above water decks, need only be implemented on the portion of the ship 100 that rides above the waterline in the low freeboard mode, and not on the other larger portions of the ship 100 that ride above the waterline in the other modes. A typical draft 554 in the low freeboard mode is 32 feet.